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A Literary Gazette article attacking the "ultra-right wing" Jewish Defense League cautiously hints that the group's anti-Soviet demonstrations are directed by someone "higher" than the "Zionist-revisionists" and "Birchites" who appear to be organizing them and claims that the League's "bosses" are enemies of the leftist movement in the U.S. who profit from a worsening of US-USSR relations. To suggest police complicity in the disruptions of Soviet concerts in New York, the article quotes a statement by JDL leader Kahane claiming that the organization has no difficulties with the police since they "understand what we are doing".

The majority of the February 11 article by Novosti correspondent G. Matveyev develops the theme that the JDL is a fanatical right-wing racist organization with close connections to the John Birch Society, the Minutemen, and other extremist groups. Matveyev invents an interview with Kahane, pointing out that although no one from the organization would talk to him it is still possible to predict what Kahane would have said on various subjects. Matveyev has Kahane proclaim himself an enemy of the Negro and particularly the "progressive" Black Panthers as well as an opponent of leftist tendencies among Jewish youth and a supporter of the war in Vietnam. Although the JDL demonstrations in New York are mentioned only in passing, they are placed in the context of general right-wing attempts, inspired and protected by sinister undescribed "circles" in the US, to worsen Soviet-American relations.

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